

MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION – NOVEMBER 12, 2024

The Board of Education of the Alpine School District met in a study session on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 4:00 PM. The study session took place in the board room at the Alpine School District office.

Board members present: Board President Sara M. Hacken, Vice President Julie E. King (remotely), Stacy M. Bateman, Sarah L. Beeson, Dr. Mark J. Clement, Joylin Lincoln, and Ada S. Wilson.

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Shane J. Farnsworth, Business Administrator Jason Sundberg, and members of the administrative staff. There were 11 others in attendance.

1. FY24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Jason Sundberg, Business Administrator and Robert Boyer, Director of Accounting, reported on the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the 2024 Fiscal Year. In an independent audit conducted by Squire & Company, the report received a clean opinion. Robert Boyer also shared the Popular Annual Financial Report, which is a simplified version of the ACFR. Both reports are available on the Business Services page of the Alpine School District website.

2. Enrollment Projections Report

Derek Farnes, Director of Analytics & Projections, presented the enrollment projections report. This report is based on how the district is currently configured and does not take into consideration the school boundaries that have not been determined for the 2025-26 school year. The enrollment report is available on the Business Services page of the Alpine School District website.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2024

The Board of Education of the Alpine School District met in a board meeting on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 7:45 PM. The meeting took place in the board room at the Alpine School District office.

Board members present: Board President Sara M. Hacken, Vice President Julie E. King (remotely), Stacy M. Bateman, Sarah L. Beeson, Dr. Mark J. Clement, Joylin Lincoln, and Ada S. Wilson.

Also present: Superintendent Dr. Shane J. Farnsworth, Business Administrator Jason Sundberg, and members of the administrative staff. There were approximately 110 others in attendance.

Board President Sara Hacken conducted the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was offered by Eric Woodhouse.

INSPIRATIONAL THOUGHT OR REFLECTION

An inspirational thought was offered by Aaron Hale.

RECOGNITIONS

Mountain View High – 4A Boys Cross Country State Champions
Mountain View High – 4A Girls Cross Country State Champions
Lone Peak High – 6A Girls Cross Country State Champions
Lone Peak High – 6A Girls Soccer State Champions
Orem High – 4A Girls Volleyball State Champions

Lone Peak High – 6A Girls Volleyball State Champions
American Fork High – 6A Open Marching Band State Champions
American Fork High – Regional Bands of America Champions
Lone Peak High – 6A Scholastic Marching Band State Champions

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

Dillion Giraldi is a senior student at Skyridge High and captain of the swim team. He spoke about the need for a weighted GPA scale. It could encourage students to take difficult courses, instead of avoiding them in fear that it could negatively affect their class rank and GPA.

Isaac Barnett is a senior at Skyridge High. He spoke about the benefits of a weighted GPA scale. It would be a more rewarding system for students.

Alicia Alba spoke about the projected growth in the county and how it will affect enrollment in the south area district. She asked the board to vote no on closing schools and to allow future boards to make the decision.

Karsten Walker asked the board to pause on any future RDAs and tax increment funding.

John Barrick spoke about RDAs in Alpine School District. He asked that the board pay attention to the RDAs and to make sure they are transparent in how they affect the three new districts.

Crystal Muhlstein spoke about the liability of the RDA and asked if the cost is contained to the Eagle Mountain area. If it has ramifications for the other two districts, she asked the board to vote no.

Robyn Dillon spoke about her disappointment that she didn't get to vote about the district split. She is a Lindon resident and has a student at Dan Peterson and is concerned because there is not a special school in the new south district. She asked that the board consider how to continue serving the special needs community.

MINUTES

Board President Sara Hacken recommended the approval of the October board meeting minutes. Mark Clement made the motion to approve the October board meeting minutes, it was seconded by Sarah Beeson, and the motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended that the Board accept the October claims report. Check numbers 00248070 through ARL0TGHD, totaling \$31,468,323.65, and 00005693 through 00005781, totaling \$495,425.73, for a total of \$31,114,367.05 were presented for the Board's acceptance. **Ada Wilson made the motion to approve the October claims reported, Mark Clement seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.**

ROUTINE BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Monthly Budget Summary

The latest budget report was included for the Board's review.

2. Alpine Foundation Report Summary

The latest Alpine Foundation report was included for the Board's review.

3. Personnel Hiring and Releasing

Personnel Actions – Certified

Certified Employee – New Hires

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Sabey, Meredith	Grade 6	ES - Belmont	10/14/24
Stoutenburg, Janna	SPED - Speech L/P	ES - Eagle Valley	11/11/24
Watabe, Hannah	Kindergarten	ES - Orchard	10/07/24
Zheng, Yajun	DLI - Chinese	HS - Lone Peak	12/09/24

Certified Employee – Resignations

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Gruebele, Krisztina	SPED - Blind Vision	DO - Special Education	10/24/24

Personnel Actions – Classified

Classified Employees – New Employees

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Amador, Kesli	NS Manager	ES - Desert Sky	10/22/24
Orozco, Cecillia	Office Technician	MS - Orem	10/07/24
Perkes, Jenny	N.S. Manager	ES - Segoe Lily	10/22/24
Thomson, Jarrett	Custodian	MS - Viewpoint	10/01/24

Classified Employees – Changes/Transfers

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Asher, Lacy	N.S. Manager	ES - Parkside	10/22/24

Classified Employees - Resignations/Terms

<u>Employee</u>	<u>Assignment</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Hernandez Pelagio, Valeria	Office Technician	MS - Orem	10/04/24
Kelander, Ryan	Purchase Auction Technician	DO - Purchasing/Warehouse	10/04/24

4. Renewal of Superintendent Contract

The superintendent's contract was recommended for renewal.

5. School LAND Trust Amendments

The school LAND Trust amendments were included for the Board's review.

6. 2024-25 Innovation Grant

The 2024-25 Innovation Grant applications for Cedar Ridge Elementary were submitted for board approval.

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended approval of the routine business. Sarah Beeson made a motion to approve the routine business, Ada Wilson seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

1. FY24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended the board accept the FY24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). Robert Boyer, Director of Accounting, reviewed the report during the study session. Kyle Greene from Squire & Company shared that the FY24 ACFR received an unmodified opinion on the financial statements which means it was a clean opinion. Mr. Greene stated that the numbers in the report are properly supported by the data they collected. A federal compliance audit was conducted for special education and Title II programs, and no findings were reported. The annual state compliance audit drafted by the state auditor and USBE was also conducted, and no findings were reported. **Stacy Bateman made the motion to accept the FY24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, Ada Wilson seconded it.** Board member Bateman thanked

the business services team and Squire for their work. **The board voted to accept the FY24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, and passed unanimously.**

2. Resolution 2024-018 – Approving an Interlocal Agreement Between ASD and Eagle Mountain Redevelopment Agency

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended approval of Resolution 2025-018. Business Administrator Jason Sundberg explained this is the Triple Tail Project, a data center development in Eagle Mountain City. They are seeking a 55% tax increment financing for 20 years. Currently, the property generates \$214,000 in tax annually, with the future annual tax estimated at \$4.7 million. **Joylin Lincoln made the motion to approve Resolution 2024-018, and was seconded by Stacy Bateman.** Sarah Beeson asked for clarification confirming that Alpine School District will not accrue debt with this RDA. Jason Sundberg, Business Administrator, clarified that there is no debt for ASD or future districts. The RDA is about future tax revenue which will stay within the district the data center resides. **The board voted and the motion passed unanimously.**

DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Policy 5205 - Middle School and High School Graduation Requirements (revised)

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended approval of the revisions to Policy 5205 - Middle School and High School Graduation Requirements, following the board's discussion. Kraig Brinkerhoff, Executive Director of Legal Services, said this policy was updated to include middle school and comply to the changes in school code. **Joylin Lincoln made the motion to approve Policy 5205, Mark Clement seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.**

2. Policy 6052 - Health Programs (retire)

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended the board retire Policy 6052 - Health Programs. Kraig Brinkerhoff said that originally the policy committee was going to update this policy, but the decision was made to add the information to the Student Support Services procedure manual. **Sarah Beeson made the motion to retire Policy - 6052, Joylin Lincoln seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.**

3. Policy 7300 - Code of Conduct for Employees and Volunteers (revised)

Superintendent Farnsworth recommended approval of the revisions to Policy 7300 - Code of Conduct for Employees and Volunteers following the board's discussion. Kraig Brinkerhoff reviewed the revisions to the policy. **Ada Wilson made the motion to approve the revisions to Policy 7300, Sarah Beeson seconded it, and the motion passed unanimously.**

REPORT

1. Membership Report

Superintendent Farnsworth gave a summary of the October enrollment report.

2. Alpine by the Numbers – Graduation Report

The report was postponed to a future board meeting.

3. Eagle Mountain Middle School Boundary Feedback Report

Brian Jolley, principal of the new middle school in Eagle Mountain, and Eric Woodhouse, Executive Director of Operations, gave a summary of the feedback they have received regarding the proposed boundary options. The final decision on the school boundary will be made in the December 17th board meeting.

4. Program Study Qualitative Data Report

Dr. Analis Ruiz, Executive Director of Educational Opportunity and Student Support, and Eric Woodhouse, Executive Director of Operations, updated the board on the feedback they received regarding the program study and closure of Lindon and Windsor elementary schools. Analis thanked the public who spoke in the hearings tonight and for supporting the students. Dr. Ruiz reported that regarding the boundary adjustments, the key findings indicated that while some community members supported boundary changes for improved resource allocation and facility use, the majority expressed concerns about potential overcrowding, disruption to community ties, and longer commutes. Regarding the DLI Magnet Immersion School, the findings showed opposition due to concerns about accessibility, community division, and loss of diversity. The feedback regarding the potential closure of Lindon Elementary showed strong opposition to closure, but a desire for the entire community to move to Rocky Mountain Elementary if the closure is necessary. Regarding the closure of Windsor Elementary, there were concerns about how it would affect community resources, the impact on the diverse population, and a desire to keep the DLI program. The participating community members suggested alternatives to the proposed changes, such as program relocation, community cohesion, facility refurbishments rather than closures, transportation support for relocated students, and boundary adjustments to reduce overcrowding and optimize resources. Dr. Ruiz reviewed the staff's considerations when considering the recommendations: educational impact, declining enrollment, fiscal responsibility, and aging and safety of buildings. The staff recommendations are to close Lindon Elementary and move the students to Rocky Mountain Elementary, close Windsor Elementary, and create a DLI Magnet school at Orchard Elementary. The other option is to continue operating Lindon and Windsor and supplementing the schools with the necessary FTEs and resources. Dr. Ruiz explained that the board will have to continue supplementing to offer the full programs for the students so they are not disadvantaged. She clarified that based on federal determination and funding, Windsor will not qualify for Title I funding in the 2025-26 school year, which is a major resource for the school.

BOARD MEMBERS' AND SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS

Joylin Lincoln wished American Fork and Westlake high schools good luck as they participate in the national band competition on Friday.

Sara Hacken said if the public would like to help with sub for Santa donations, to contact the Foundation Director, Tyler Vigue.

Ada Wilson spoke about the results of the November 5th election and the frustration from the south area of the district who did not get to vote on the reconfiguration.

Superintendent Farnsworth reported that the last session of the listening tour for teachers and parents is on Wednesday, November 13th. He thanked all who have participated.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion by Joylin Lincoln and seconded by Mark Clement, the meeting was adjourned at 9:13 PM.